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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 23rd-August, through Sunday, 30th-August there were 212 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H2, H3, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4U30VIC, AUSTRIA

The Vienna International Centre Amateur Radio Club (4U1VIC) will be on the air during the Worked All Europe DX Contest (WAEDC), September 12-13th. This will be a SSB only operation. The station is located in the secured United Nation campus in Vienna, Austria, and due to access restrictions, they will not be able to operate the full 48 hours continuously. They

will try to be on the air as much as possible. 4U1VIC will send QSL cards for all QSOs via bureau. If you are in a hurry you can send it direct including SAE and return postage to: AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, P.O.BOX 500, A-1400 VIENNA, AUSTRIA.
ADDED NOTE: A new video about the 4U1VIC Radio Club in Vienna is available online at:

http://www.vimeo.com/6301009

6Y, JAMAICA

Look for 6Y1V to once again be active in this year's CQWW Contests. The 6Y1V team has also announced that they will also once again sponsor one young ham operator (21 or under) to join their team and receive an all expense paid trip to operate in the 2009 CQWW SSB or CW Contest with the 6Y1V team. You can reside in any country in the world and be considered for this opportunity provided you hold a valid amateur radio license in your country and have some contest experience. This is a gift to a young ham whom has a passion for Ham Radio and contesting. It is their way of giving something back to this great hobby that has given so much to them! Complete details are available at:

http://www.6y1v.com/youth.htm

911 ACTIVITY

Mike, W0YR, will once again (as for the past several years) be active as W0YR/911 on September 11th, to honor/commemorate those lives lost in a terrorist attack at the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and the plane that crashed into a field near Shanksville,PA. He plans to operate as much of the day as possible. Mike states,

> "I just wanted to do it to remind those I work on the air of what this country endured because of hatred -- and also remind those who want to minimize it or forget it, that this WAS an Act of Terror and, even though they would like to revise history, the memory of those (among them, two of my friends) who perished on September 11th, 2001, will NEVER be forgotten or sullied."

A special QSL will be issued. QSL via his home callsign.

C3, ANDORRA

Ruben/EA5BZ and possibly other operators from the URE Contest Group will be active as C37URE during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 26-27th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via EA5BZ.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND (Update/Postponed)

OPDX has received the following press release on Friday, August 28th (edited):

> "The Sable Island DXpedition scheduled for October 19, 2009, by Randy - N0TG, Ron - AA4VK, and Murray - WA4DAN is being placed on 'hold'.
>
> Unfortunately, Randy's son, Carter (who was part of the KP1 and KP5 team in 1992), has developed kidney cancer which has spread to the lungs. Although there

will be challenging days ahead for Carter and the family of N0TG, we trust the prayers of friends will strengthen this family and successfully bring all through this trial.

The team appreciates the many sponsors who were willing to provide their support, even though CY0 was not at the top of the most needed list, the support of the DX Community from around the world, and the interests shown by the many DX'ers that 'signed' the website Guestbook. We will leave the website up and updates will be posted from time to time on Carter's progress, as well as our plans to reschedule the DX- pedition to CY0.

http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/

Our hope is that Carter will beat this disease and be able to join us at Sable Island. We do consider this a 'hold' and we intend to reschedule as health concerns permit.

Thanks again to our ham radio friends for your support. We wish the best for Randy's son Carter and all the Rowe family. Randy's (N0TG) contact information is listed on QRZ.com..... Thanks for your prayers."

FG, GUADELOUPE (NA-102)

Anthony, F4EUG, will be active as FG/F4EUG between September 3-10th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

FT/G, GLORIOSO ISLAND (Update/Magic Band)

Didier, F5OGL, Glorioso 2009 team leader, announced this past week (on August 25th) (edited): "The propagation forecast for the Magic Band from Gloriosos is very bad at the expedition time; quiet in all directions. Taking advice from the 6 meters specialists, they inform us that chances to give FT5GA to the world hams are very low and even less. The only one antenna available is a 2 element HB9CV, with no other possibility to bring another or several other more efficient one(s), included for EME; So it has been considered we had to focus on HF bands. So we sadly decided to concentrate our activity only from 160 to 10 meters... We ask the 6m community to understand our decision." For more details and updates, visit the FT5GA Web page at:

http://glorieuses2008.free.fr

HS8, THAILAND

Voravut, HS8JYX, is planning to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via HS8JYX.

IOTA NEWS

EU-001. Willem, PA1WLB, on holiday, is active as SV5/PA1WLB from **Kos Island** (Loc. KM36OV) between now and September 6th. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters SSB (14189 and 7070 kHz; 5 kHz up/down). He will also be on RTTY (14089 kHz) or PSK (14071.5 kHz). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct (see details on **(QRZ.com)**).

EA-145. Operators from the Cambridge University Wireless Society will be active as CT/homecall from **Ilha Deserta**, Portugal, between September 4-6th. Activity will be on most

HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via the operator's home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. For details, see:

http://www.domsmith.co.uk/amateur-radio/dxpeditions/2009/ct

NA-044. Juergen, NF6J, will be active as VO2/NF6J from **Battle Island** (CISA NF-049) between 1300z, September 4th to 2300z, September 11th. Activity will be on 30/20/15 meters CW only. QSL via DL7RV, direct or by the Bureau.

OC-127. As reported last week, Mike/KM9D (H44MY) and YL Jan/KF4TUG (H44TO) continue to be anchored at Tesauma on **Rennell Island**, Solomon Islands; length of stay is not known. Mike was heard this past week on 40/30/20/15 meters CW. QSL via OM2SA, direct or by LoTW.

SA-054. Members of the 4M5DX Group will be active as YW5O from **La Orchila Island**. Activity will be on all bands and modes. The group is awaiting the transportation schedule from the Venezuelan Navy. The exact days and team will be posted soon on the following Web page:

http://www.yw5o.4m5dx.info

KH6, HAWAII

Esa, OH7WV, is planning to be active from here during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) or possibly Single-Op/All-Band entry. Callsign for the contest TBA. QSL via OH7WV.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (For August 31st-September 6th)

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Aug  31    AN          SOLAR REFERENCE
Sep   1    AN          ---------------
Sep   2    AN           AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
Sep   3    AN-HN        HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
Sep   4    AN          GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
Sep   5    AN          ---------------------
Sep   6    AN           QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
                                0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
                     UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
                                7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less
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N4, UNITED STATES (Submarine Activity)

A group of amateur radio operators in Charleston, South Carolina, will activate N4H from the site of the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunleyon, September 19-20th. The H.L. Hunleyon was raised on August 8th, 2000, and located at the Warren Lasch Conser- vation Center on the old Charleston navy base and is currently being preserved in a 90,000 gallon water tank as archeologists investigate the cause of the vessels sinking. The Hunley disappeared without a trace on a return journey after using a 135 lb. torpedo to sink the U.S.S. Housatonic four miles off the coast of Charleston, SC., on February 17th, 1864, making it "The World's First Successful Combat Submarine".

The special event station N4H will be on the air to commemorate this historic event and is expected to be on ALL bands 160-10 meters. Operating times will be between 1300-2100z (may be extended). A specially designed QSL card will be available. QSL via: Edward Padgett, PO Box 61362, North Charleston, SC 29419. A donation of 2.00 USDs is required, no SASE is needed. All proceeds after expenses will be donated to "The Friends of The Hunley for Research and Conservation". Visit their Web page at:

http://www.nn4f.com/n4h

NA5, UNITED STATES (Grid Activation/VHF Contest)

Joey, W5BAK, will be heading to Big Bend National Park (DL88) for the January VHF Contest and plans to be active as NA5RC between January 15-20th (2010). He states, "Send me an E-mail to get on the mail list, and I will keep you updated. We will be rover from several of the other area grids too but DL88 is the goal." QSL via his home callsign.

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Members of the Florida Contest Group will be active as NP2B during the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are John/NP2B, Brian/KP2HC, Ann/KP2YL, Frederick/K9VV and Lisa/W4LIS. Visit the Florida Contest Group's Web page at:

http://www.floridacontestgroup.org

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS

Operators Peter/DL5FF, Horst/DF6FL and Siegfried/DL9ZE will be active as OH0JWL, OH0/DF6FL and OH0/DL9ZE, respectively, from Eckeroe Island (**EU-002**) between now and September 12th. Activity will be on 20/17/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns.

ON4, BELGIUM (Special Event)

Members of the Radio Club of Binche (ON7RY) will activate the special event station ON4WAR, September 5-6th. Activity is to commemorate the Belgian resistance fighters (WWII), especially those of the Refuge B 40 in Waudrez (Belgium). The scheduled timetable of activities is as follows:
Saturday 6th - From 09:00 AM up to 06:00 PM (0700-1600z)
Sunday 7th - From 08:00 AM up to 04:00 PM (0600-1400z)
They announced, "At the hour up to the hour and a half CW trans- missions with a Whaddom Paraset MK VII on 3560, 3579, 3583 and 7025 kHz. At the hour and a half up to the next hour, SSB transmissions on HF bands. QSL information via ON7RY (direct or by the Bureau)." For more details, visit their Web page at:

http://www.on7ry.be

OY, FAROE ISLAND

Trygvi, OY4TN, reports that Johan, OY2J, is once again active after being QRT for many years. He has retired from his job and has finally found time to set up his radio station again. QSNs show he has been on 20 meters CW and SSB.

PACIFIC TOUR

Just a reminder that Don/G3BJ and Hilary/G4JKS will be on vacation in the South Pacific during September. Their activity schedule is as follows:
September 4-16th - Austral Islands (from Rurutu [**OC-050**] and Tubuai [**OC-152**]); callsign will be FO/G3BJ
September 18-25th - Niue (**OC-040**); callsign ZK2BJ
Operations will be mostly CW on 80-10 meters (no 17/12m). They will use a K3 transceiver and a Butternut HF6.

PACIFIC DXPEDITION/TOUR (Update/Reminder)

Just a reminder that Gerben, PG5M, will be activating three DXCC entities in the Pacific between September 6-27th. His schedule is as follows:

September 6-7th: Fiji (OC-016); prefix 3D2 (callsign not known yet)
September 8-14th: Tarawa Island (OC-017), W. Kiribati; Callsign is T30G
September 15-16th: Fiji; prefix 3D2 (callsign not known yet)
September 17-23rd: Tuvalu (OC-015); Callsign will be T2G
September 24-27th: Fiji; prefix 3D2 (callsign not known yet)

The callsign is not known for Fiji, but he has requested 3D2G. This will be an ultra light solo DXpedition and CW only. He will use an Elecraft K3, and his antennas are a 2x20m doublet, an ECO R7+ vertical for 40-10 meters and a 15m tall DX-Wire glass fiber pole for a 80m vertical. Suggested frequencies are: 3503, 7005, 10105, 14005, 18073, 21005, 24985 and 28005 kHz. Gerben will try to monitor the DXclusters and E-mail for feedback on possible useable frequencies. QSL via PG5M, by the Bureau or direct. For direct requests, please enclose a minimum of 2 USDs for return postage. More details and updates will be available on:

http://www.dx.to

PACIFIC DXPEDITION/TOUR

Operators Andrea/IK1PMR, YL Claudia/K2LEO/PA3LEO, Wil/PA0BWL, Joe/AA4NN, Franz/OE2SNL, Gerhard/DJ5IW, and Kenneth/OZ1IKY are planning a DXpedition to three semi-rare entities (and possibly some other operations) in the Pacific between November 11th and December 13th. The tentative schedule is as follows:
Samoa (5W) - November 11-18th; minus OE2SNL; Vaiala Beach Resort on the northern side of the Island of Upolu (OC-097)
Tonga (A3) - November 19th- December 9th; Otuhaka Beach Resort on the western side of the Island of Tongatapu (OC-049)
New Zealand - December 2-5th; Auckland (logistics, possible activation of some IOTA group)
South Cook Islands (E5) - December 5-13th; minus OZ1IKY
Singapore (9V) - December 13-17th (possible radio operations)

Callsigns have not been announced yet. Focus will be on the lower bands, but activity is planned for 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. The team will use three Elecraft K2/100 with DSP and amps. For more information and updates, watch:

http://www.ik1pmr.com/plans/a3/index.php?s=intro

PJ4, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Operators Peter/PJ4NX, Marco/PE2MC and Michiel/ PG4M will be active from **Bonaire** (**SA-006**) between September 10-16th. They will take part in the WAE SSB Contest (September 10-11th) as PJ4NX. Before and after the contest they will use PJ4/homecall. QSL via their home callsign (**(QRZ.com)** addresses). Logs and photos will be available online at:

http://www.pi4cc.nl/pj4

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL GB0BME via the Bureau or direct to G7WAW. This is a special event station by the Craven Radio Amateur Group (CRAG) from the Bancroft Mill Engine in Barnoldswick, Lancashire, England. See **(QRZ.com)** for more info.

PIRATE ALERT. Station signing **C31LJ/m** on August 27th, was pirated. Nenad, VE3EXY, reports that Peter is in Canada.

PIRATE ALERT. Phillip, ZL2TZE, informs OPDX that "Emma", **ZL5SP**, is again operating CW on 40m claiming to be in ZL5 Antarctica. He states, "It's the winter there at the moment, 24/7 darkness and it is highly unlikely that any workable propagation from ZL5 would be happening now, maybe in 2 or 3 months when their summer comes around. There is no ZL5SP in SMART which is the ZL Radio Frequency Service database where all callsigns are recorded. There is also no record held by NZART our National body..." Save your green stamps!

QSL V7XX via JH2BNL (NH0AA/NH2): Yuji Oda, 348-1 Nazukacho, Naka-ku, Hamamatsu-shi, Shizuoka 430-0811, JAPAN

QSL V73NF via JA2DSQ (KH2/JA2DSQ): Fuminori Nakayasu, 344 Ichinocho, Higashi-ku, Hamamatsu-shi, Shizuoka 435-0051, JAPAN

VC1W (CISA-132) QSL STATUS. Nenad, VE3EXY, reports that the QSLs are designed and sent to the printer. He will send the cards directly to him when printed, and Nenad will start procssing immediately.

VE1OTA QSL CHANGE. Nenad, VE3EXY, reports that they have decided to 'extend' the coverage to the year 2006. Feel free to send Nenad any VE1VOX/VE1OTA QSLs from 2006 onwards. **QSLS VIA LOTW: K5D**

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3V9A, 4T6I, 5K5T, 5K0T, 5R8KD, 7O1YGF, 7P8CF, 7P8R, 9J2CA, DY1C, HK5QGX/0M, IY8WAP, PX8W, TZ6EI, VP8DLM, XW1B and YO9HP

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: None reported this week!

SX5, DODECANESE

Members of Aegean DX Group will activate Agathonisi Island (IOTA **EU-001**, GIOTA DKS 063

[for Greek Islands On The Air Award http://www.5-9report.gr/giota]

as SX5AG between September 4-7th. Operators mentioned are Alexandros/SV8CYR, Vassilis/SV8CYV, Ilias/SV8FMY, Giorgos/SV8IJZ, Giannis/SW8MFF and Dirk/ON5CT.

Activity is planned for 80/40/20/17 meters using SSB and the Digi modes mainly on the IOTA frequencies. Depending on the propagation, look for activity on 12/10/6 meters SSB. Suggested frequencies are:
SSB - 3785, 7055, 14260, 18124, 24950, 28460 and 50150 kHz
RTTY - 3580, 7035 and 14080 kHz
PSK - 3570 and 14070 kHz
QSL via their manager SV8CYR.

For more info, see: http://www.qrz.com/db/SX5AG

T7, SAN MARINO

Operators Gerd/DJ5TT, Thomas/DK9FEC, Peter/DL1FX and Rainer/DL1ZBO will activate the Amateurs Radio Republic of San Marino (A.R.R.S.M.) club station T70A during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 26-27th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL route TBA.

V5, NAMIBIA

Operators Wolf/DH3WO, Mathias/DJ2HD and Ulmar/DK1CE will be active as V5/homecall between September 5-26th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsigns.

VK6, AUSTRALIA

Operators Bernd/VK2IA and Kevin/VK6LW will be active as VK6AA during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via DL8YR. Activity will be from the Northern Corridor Radio Group's (VK6ANC) club station situated about 20 km north from the city center in Perth, Western Australia. See the station at:

http://www.ncrg.org.au

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

It has been reported that Lars, VP8DIF, will arrive on South Georgia around the second week of October. He will stay at Husvik (WAP GBR-27). QSL via DJ9ZB, by the Bureau or direct. For more info and updates, visit Lars's Web site at:

http://www.lars-boehme.de/vp8dif/

VY2, CANADA (PEI)

George, K3GV, will be active as K3GV/VY2 from **Prince Edward Island** (IOTA **NA-029**, CIA PE-001) between September 1-28th. Activity will be on 15 and 20 meters around the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

Z3, MACEDONIA

Members of the Radio Club "Nikola Tesla" (Z37M) will be active as Z37M during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 26-27th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via Z37M, by the Bureau or info on **(QRZ.com)**.

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER ****

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ",
please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

PLEASE NOTICE (as of February 12, 2007), NEW ADDRESS CHANGES FOR THE OPDX INTERNET HELP/SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST:

Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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